

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Specific support for the newly submitted claims may be found at least at pages 20-22, 48-54, the T1R2 sequences disclosed in the application, pages 63-65, and the original claims wherein the use of T1R2 polypeptides according to the invention to identify compounds (ligands) that putatively elicit or modulate human T1R2-associated taste are provided in detail. Therein, the application enumerates a large number different binding assays, assay formats, labels, high throughput screens, and the use of the resultant ligands as taste modulators.

Therefore, favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

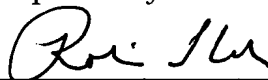
If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No.
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